

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE

OFFICIAL REPORT.

14th of July 1931.

Tuesday, the

30th of Mithunam 1106.

The House met at half-past Eleven, with the President in the Chair. Mr. K. Ramunni Menon was absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

The President and all the Members except Mr. K. Ramunni Menon (who was absent) and the Member for Chakkudi (whose place was vacant) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council:—It is first my pleasant duty to convey to you a message from His Highness the Maharaja. His Highness desires me to convey to the Members of this House His hearty felicitations and best wishes, on the happy occasion of the inaugural meeting of the third Council. His Highness has been pleased to mark this happy occasion by extending to this House the privilege of suggesting to him the name of one of its Members for appointment as Deputy President. Hon'ble Members will agree that this is an important addition to the privileges of this Council. It is in the nature of an experiment, but one which, it may be hoped, the event will justify.

I must next extend to all Hon'ble Members a hearty welcome to this Council on my behalf. It is gratifying to note that many of the Members of the last Council have been again elected to this. Their re-election must be to the Members themselves a gratifying proof of the continued confidence of their constituents, while their experience will doubtless be of great value in the deliberations of the Council. We are meeting at a time of difficulties and financial stress, but I have no doubt that, with the co-operation of this Council, these difficulties will be overcome and that the State will again achieve the prosperity which it was enjoying in the past.

Before concluding, I desire to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Members one other matter regarding questions for the Budget Session. Hon'ble Members will agree that questions should be answered so far as is possible in the session in which they are put; otherwise they lose much of their force. In order that this may be done I request Hon'ble Members to send their questions as early as possible.

Bills Assented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—I have the honour to announce to the Council that the following Bills, passed by the Council on Friday, the 5th of December 1930 corresponding to the 20th of Vrischigam 1106, have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja on Wednesday, the 25th of March 1931 corresponding to the 12th of Meenam 1106.

- (1) A Bill to amend the Cochin Salt Regulation.
- (2) A Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation.
- (3) A Bill to amend the Cochin Telephone Regulation.

I have also to announce to the Council that the Cutchi Memons Succession Bill, passed by the Council on Wednesday, the 3rd of December 1930 corresponding to the 18th of Vrischigam 1106, has received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja on Saturday, the 25th of April 1931 corresponding to the 12th of Medam 1106.

The Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Cochin Legislative Council, passed by the Council on Friday, the 5th of December 1930 (20th of Vrischigam 1106), have also received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja on Thursday, the 2nd of July 1931 corresponding to the 18th of Mithunam 1106.

Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—

Sir,

Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table, the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16(9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.